

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 4, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

In particular, the invention relates to methods for preparing decellularized bone marrow extracellular matrix from a bone marrow sample that has been produced in vivo. The bone marrow may be biologically, chemically, pharmaceutically, physiologically and/or mechanically modified prior to decellularization (see U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ No. 10/622,293, filed on even date herewith, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety for all purposes and identified by attorney docket number 10177-118).